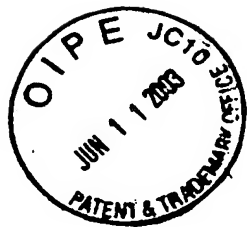


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- (4) Naohisa Komatsu et al, "A Proposal on Digital Watermark In Document Image Communication and Its Application to Realize a Signature"; Denshi Joho Tsushin Gakkaishi, B-I, Vol. J72-B-I, No. 3, 1989, pgs 208-218; and
- (5) Michio Yamada et al, "A Proposal on Secure Document Image Management Facilities Using Smart Card", Proc. of 1989 Autumn Meeting of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, SD-2-3, September 1989, pgs 223-224 and translation (3 pgs).

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